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GENEVA AUGUST 14-25

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1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID
ABDALLAH AUGUST 15 TO DISCUSS ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE AT WORLD
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI STILL AWAY
AND ABDALLAH PREOCCUPIED PREVIOUS DAY WITH VISIT SAUDI FOREIGN
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MINISTER UNDER SECRETARY ABDAL RAHMAN AL MANSOURI, UNABLE OBTAIN
EARLIER MEETING.

2. REFERRING TO MY EARLIER CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 7 WITH HIM WHEN
WE DISCUSSED BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND WHEN I HAD SAID
EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM WOULD
NOT WIN SUPPORT FOR NO-ALIGNED

MOVEMENT IN THE US AND ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATED OUR MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS (REF B), I SAID I NOW HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO REAFFIRM THIS IN STRONGEST TERMS. WHAT GAVE PARTICULAR URGENCY TO THIS MATTER WAS HARM WHICH ZIONISM/RACISM REAFFIRMATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE ON EVE OF CAMP DAVID TALKS. I THEN MADE ORAL PRESENTATION OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF REF A LEAVING WITH HIM A COPY OF TALKING POINTS DRAWN ON PARAS A THOROUGH G BUT LEAVING PARA H FOR ORAL DISCUSSION.

3. ABDHALLAH'S INITIAL REACTION WAS TO SAY THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE UAE WAS REPRESENTED AT WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN GENEVA SO THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT UAE COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN I ASKED IF UAE REPRESENTED THROUGH ARAB LEAGUE OR THROUGH ITS MISSION IN GENEVA, HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK THIS OUT. HE PROMISED TO CONVEY OUR CONCERNS TO UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID WHEN HE MEETS HIM THIS EVENING AT LATTER'S DESERT RETREAT AS WELL AS CONVEY THESE CONCERNS TO UAE REPS., IF THERE ARE ANY, ATTENDING GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SEEMED IN PARTICULAR TO APPRECIATE ARGUMENT THAT ZIONISM/RACISM REAFFIRMATION AT THIS TIME COULD DO GREAT DEAL TO SOUR ATMOSPHERE PRIOR TO CAMP DAVID MEETING. DICKMAN.

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